

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the above-identified application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-73 (cancelled).

Claim 74 (currently amended): A computer-implemented method for estimating the relative coverage of a plurality of third-party search engines, the plurality of third-party engines including at least a first third-party search engine and a second third-party search engine, the method comprising the steps of:

forwarding a ~~set of queries~~ query to each of the plurality of third-party search engines;

retrieving a full list of results comprising pages matching the query from each of the plurality of third-party search engines;

retrieving text for all pages listed in the full list of results corresponding to each of the plurality of third-party search engines;

filtering out pages from the full list of results corresponding to each of the of third-party search engines if the pages are unavailable or no longer match the query; and

estimating the relative coverage of the plurality of third-party search engines, the estimating step including the steps of:

(i) determining a first value equal to the overlap number of pages in the filtered full list of results corresponding to each of the first and the second third-party

search engines divided by the number of pages in the filtered full list of the second third-party search engine;

(ii) determining a second value equal to a number of pages in the filtered full list of the first third-party search engine divided by the overlap number of pages in the filtered full list of results corresponding to each of the plurality of third-party engines; and

(iii) determining an estimate of the relative coverage of the plurality of third-party engines by dividing the second value by the first value.

Claims 75-79 (cancelled).